

# Delaware Department of Transportation

## Small Business Opportunities Under the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA) of 2009

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**Background:** The Delaware Department of Transportation (DelDOT) is designated to receive approximately \$140.9 million in funding through the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA), including \$121.9 million for highway, bridge, road and transportation enhancement projects and \$19.0 million for transit-related projects. The projects for which these funds will be allocated include:

Paving and Rehabilitation	Greenway Development	Traffic Signalization
Bridge Maintenance	Streetscape Projects	Rehoboth Boardwalk
Lightship Overfalls Berth	Park and Ride facilities	I-95 concrete barriers
Market Street Safety Improvements	I-95 Toll Plaza Improvements	Dover Transit Center
Bus and Rail Car Purchases	Transit Facility Improvements	Pavement Markings

Of these funds, 50 percent must be ready for advertisement within 120 days (June 29, 2009) and 50 percent within one year (February 2010). Fifty percent of the funding for transit projects must be ready to advertise in 180 days (August 2009) and 50 percent within one year (February 2010).

**Securing DelDOT Work:** The projects will be advertised following normal requirements and preparation. In addition to the required bidding process available through registered prime contractors, subcontracting opportunities exist through the prime contractors. Many of these projects will have opportunities for small businesses, particularly electrical, materials, and landscaping work.

The DelDOT Web site provides information on opportunities for contracting, bid calendars and project information at [www.deldot.gov](http://www.deldot.gov) under the tab Recovery Projects.

To request and submit bid packages as a prime contractor, you must register with DelDOT as a construction contractor or vendor by going to [http://www.deldot.gov/information/business/bids/const\\_vendor\\_lists.shtml](http://www.deldot.gov/information/business/bids/const_vendor_lists.shtml).

To secure work as a subcontractor on DelDOT jobs, you should contact local or regional prime contractors. A good resource to see what prime contractors are contemplating bidding is the planholder list for projects. This section provides you with the names and contact information for all firms that have purchased project plans. Among these firms are potential bidders for any project. To secure business, subcontractors are encouraged to contact potential prime contractors before bids are due. This can be found at <http://www.deldot.gov/public.ejs?command=PublicBusinessBidCal>.

**DBE Program:** A resource for some businesses is through the Disadvantaged Business Enterprise (DBE) Program at DelDOT. Minority and women-owned businesses may review information on business development opportunities or may apply to qualify as a DBE through the DelDOT's DBE Office, at [http://www.deldot.gov/information/business/dbe/bulletin\\_board.shtml](http://www.deldot.gov/information/business/dbe/bulletin_board.shtml).

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